CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	27885.jpg
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Applicant:	The District Court at Dunedin
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	29 October 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer mage file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the file shows a girl in her mid-teens posing naked for the camera. Her position exposes her genitals. The image is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in young people. The availability of such images encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that underage girls are available for adult sexual use.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.